

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 1, lines 6 to 20, as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application contains subject matter related to that disclosed in commonly owned U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~[to be determined], attorney docket # 244918US8 10/721,496~~, entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR DOWNSTREAM RECOVERY IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, filed November 26, 2003; U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~[to be determined], attorney docket # 244917US8 10/721,497~~, entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR USING A SYNCHRONOUS BURST TIME PLAN IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, filed November 26, 2003; U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~[to be determined], attorney docket # 244915US8 10/721,410~~, entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR FEATHERING DATA IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, filed November 26, 2003; and U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~[to be determined], attorney docket # 242845US8 10/721,419~~, entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR CALCULATING AND MAKING A SYNCHRONOUS BURST TIME PLAN IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, filed November 26, 2003, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.